

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MCINERNEY THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O WELSH, CARSON,  
 ANDERSON AND STOWE, 320  
 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/01/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/01/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	1,630,000	D	Ⓛ	16,160,349	I	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	1,374,942	D	Ⓛ	400,000	I	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>

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Common Stock	11/01/2004	J <sup>(1)</sup>	523,049	D	Ⓛ	0	I	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VI, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2004	J <sup>(1)</sup>	655,555	D	Ⓛ	0	I	By WCAS Capital Partners III, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2004	J <sup>(1)</sup>	268,398	D	Ⓛ	0	I	By WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2004	J <sup>(1)</sup>	104	A	Ⓛ	104	I	By WCAS Management Corporation <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2004	J <sup>(1)</sup>	23,541	A	Ⓛ	205,669	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCINERNEY THOMAS E  
C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE  
320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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## Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/03/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Distributions of shares by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P., Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P., Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VI, L.P., WCAS Capital Partners III, L.P. and WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P. to their respective partners.  

The Reporting Person is a managing member or general partner of the respective sole general partners of the limited partnerships named in Footnote (1) above. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially
- (2) owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such limited partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- (3) The Reporting Person is one of several controlling stockholders of WCAS Management Corporation. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such corporation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- (4) The Reporting Person also indirectly beneficially owns 75,526 shares held by the McInerney/Gabrielle Family Limited Partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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